

Thomas Hopkins House
Holsbery Lane
Truro
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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THOMAS HOPKINS HOUSE

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Located at the end of Holsbery Lane, 5/8 mile south from Old County Road. Holsbery Lane is about 1/2 mile west of U.S. Highway 6 off of Old County Road. Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

Building number 14-24 in Cape Cod National Seashore.

Owner: Waldo Frank, Holsbery Lane, Truro, Massachusetts

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Thomas Hopkins House is an early nineteenth century one and a half story Cape Cod "house-and-a-half" of wood. The rectangular house faces south with east and west ells. All facades are shingled. There is a small amount of perimeter landscaping. Modern additions have been made to the ells and to the second floor. The house is in excellent condition.

The over-all dimensions of the "house-and-a-half" are 27'-4" on the south by 24' on the west. The foundations are red brick. The walls are plank with wood shingles exterior and interior plaster. The frame is post and beam. All exterior doors have red brick stoops. To the east of the house is a modern screened-in porch. There is a chimney in the center of the main house. The west ell has a modern chimney as does the east ell.

The main south front door has six panels and a five light transom. The windows of the main house are 9/6 light double hung. In the west ell there are 6/6 light double hung windows. The house has exterior wood blinds.

The gable roof is covered with wood shingles and has a simple box cornice. The roof planks run perpendicular to the ridge, and are supported on purlins. The roof timbers are hewn on two of the exposed sides and sawn on the third about 4" x 10". One dormer is in the south face of the west ell.

The first floor has a south front door with an entry stair hall. To the east of the hall is a primary room. To the west of the hall is a modern bathroom. To the rear and north of these rooms is the original or old kitchen. This kitchen has no flanking rooms, as is common. To the west of the main house the ell contains one large bedroom. To the east the ell contains a dining room and a modern kitchen. The second floor contains one original east bedroom and two modern bedrooms and a bath. There is a modern basement.

The original stair is gone. The present stair is U-shaped and is near the center of the house. The floor is random width planks.

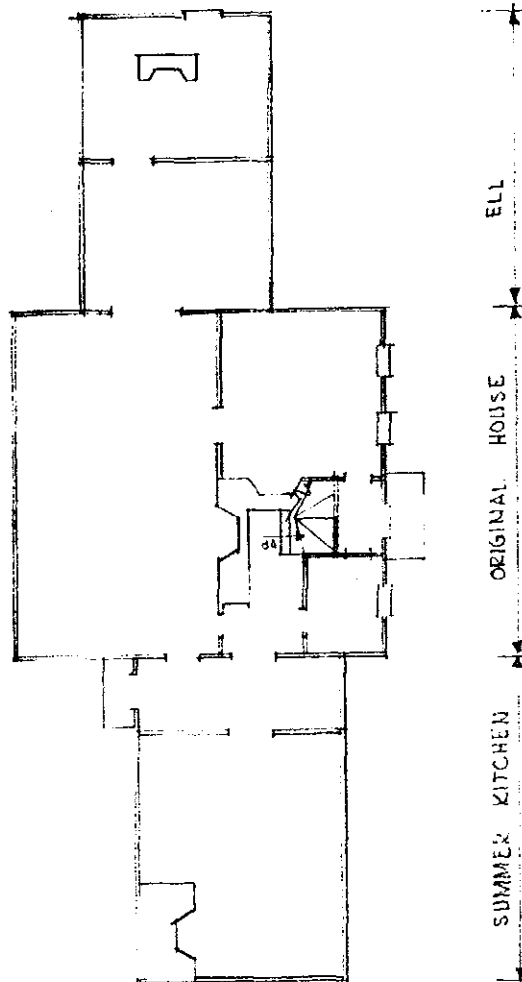
The walls and ceilings are plaster. The interior doors are four panels and painted wood. They are equipped with iron lift latches and hinges. The north room has wainscoting of three board depth. In the southeast room the wainscoting rises up to a combination chair rail and window stool. The mantels are intact. There are mantels, fireplaces and cupboards in the north room and in the southeast room. The mantel in the original east bedroom on the second floor is Greek Revival.

The house has modern electric lamps. There is central heating. The fireplaces in the modern kitchen, the west ell and the old kitchen and southeast room are open.

The house overlooks dense woods. To the northeast of the house is a modern garage. To the east at several hundred yard distance is a modern studio for the owner, Waldo Frank. The drive is to the northeast.

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NO SCALE